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**\*\*The safety of patients, staff and physicians are important to Gaston Eye Associates\*\***

A face mask or some type of facial covering will be **REQUIRED** to be worn upon entering the building and during your visit with us. Please understand if you do not wear a mask or face covering we reserve the right to deny care.

We are continuing to keep our patients and staff's health and well-being our top priority.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been following CDC recommendations and have been taking measures to keep everyone safe in the best way possible, as well as continuing to provide patient care in the safest manner.

We are continuing to closely monitor all the local data and are staying with in the guidelines set forth by executive order from the Governor of North Carolina.

We are now scheduling routine eye care as well as elective surgeries.

A physician will continue to be on-call for after hour emergency eye needs.

To maintain a safe environment for staff and patients the following procedures are being followed:

- *All patient care areas will be cleaned thoroughly with medical-grade cleaning supplies before and after any patient encounter.*
- *We are limiting the number of doctors in the building as well as the number of patients we see to reduce the total number of people in our office at one time.*
- *Assessing all patients and staff for COVID-19 symptoms, including performing screenings on all patients, family, and staff as they enter the office.*
- *Requiring staff to wear masks at all times and wash hands frequently.*
- *Requiring patients to wear a mask or facial covering to their office visit and wash hands frequently*
- *Limiting people in our offices to the patient only (unless a pediatric or geriatric patient)*
- *Reducing the number of chairs in the waiting room to increase personal space and comply with social distancing*
- *Having patients remain in their car until they receive a call telling them to return for their appointment*
- *Limiting patient movement in the clinical area*
- *Increasing cleanings of the entire building*

**Thank you for continuing to trust Gaston Eye Associates with your eye care needs.**